

# Year in Review 2024



Nicole Clark  
Chair, CAUL Board



Jane Angel  
CEO



# Council, Board, Committees & Office

- We welcomed 8 new substantive Council Members in 2024 with 3 temporary members involved at various times of the year:
- **New members:** Ben Conyers, Bronwyn Mathiesen, Caine Chennatt, Dawn McLoughlin, Iftikhar Hayat, Jane Miller, Kate Conway, Marion Slawson, Natasha Bradley, Kate Elder, Scott Nicholls, Tony Dalwood.
- **Departing members:** Sarah Fredline, Constance Wiebrands, Bill LeBlanc, Janette Wright, Matthew Evans, Tania Broadley, Jill Benn, Helen Hooper.
- Martin Borchert was **elected to the Board**, Michelle Blake and Dr Coral Ingley were **appointed to the board** and commenced in October with the Council farewelling Prashant Pandey, Carmel O'Sullivan and Sue Roberts at the end of their terms in September.
- The CAUL Board elected Nicole Clark **Chair of CAUL** from 1 October.
- **The Content Procurement Committee** welcomed Helen Loxton and Tim Stedman to serve with the departure of Kirsten Versendaal.
- The **Finance, Risk and Audit Committee** welcomed Natacha Bursill, Nimblebiz Solutions to the committee.
- The **Office** welcomed Lisa Kruesi and Ash Barber to the team, and welcomed Kate Tickle back from parental leave, farewelling Katya Henry and Alisha Ashley.

# CAUL Board



Nicole Clark  
Chair, Board



Fiona Salisbury  
Deputy Chair



Kylie Percival  
Chair, Finance, Risk &  
Audit Committee



Hero Macdonald  
Chair, Content  
Procurement Committee



Michelle Blake



Martin Borchert



Dr Coral Ingley



Jane Angel  
Chief Executive Officer

# CAUL Board



Carmel O'Sullivan

Chair, Board  
(October 2023–  
September 2024)



Sue Roberts

Director  
(November 2022–  
September 2024)



Prashant Pandey

Director  
(October 2022–  
September 2024)

# CAUL Office



Jane Angel  
Chief Executive Officer



Dr Kate Tickle  
Director, Strategy &  
Analytics



Angus Cook  
Director, Content  
Procurement



Dr Arthur Smith  
Associate Director, Content  
Procurement



Rani McLennan  
Coordinator, Operations  
& Engagement



Grace Daw  
Engagement &  
Administration Officer



Ash Barber  
OER Collective Project  
Officer

# CAUL Office



Alisha Ashley  
Finance and  
Procurement Officer  
(April 2006 –  
January 2024)



Katya Henry  
Director, Strategy &  
Analytics  
(June 2023–July 2024)  
Acting Executive  
Director  
(May 2024)



Mark Sutherland  
Acting Engagement &  
Administration Officer  
(May 2024)



Dr Lisa Kruesi  
Content Procurement  
Specialist  
(April–December 2024)

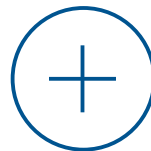
# Big changes

Special General Meeting

31 October

Council Of Australian University Librarians

Council Of Australasian University Librarians



Updated Constitution to include:

- Single, full membership category for all
- Membership clarity
- Extend Director terms

# Content Procurement

**AUD\$3.23 Million**  
CAUL Member Savings\*

- Average agreement increase 2.52% vs 2.81% for renewals
- Average initial offer from vendors 3.1%, negotiated down to 2.52%
- Savings on negotiating to lower rate = \$702,428

## Cost Containment

- 110 Agreements
- Value of AUD\$280.9 Million

## Consortium Profile

- 1,344
- 25% Vendor Enquiries
- 75% Member Enquiries
- 30% OA Related

## Member Enquiries

- 24,579 articles in capped agreements approved
- 1,000+ reviewed
- 147 articles checked
- 148 articles rejected

## OA Article Approvals



\*Based on a comparison between average uplift of 2.52% for CAUL agreements in comparison to 2025 EBSCO Serials Proce Projection Report predicted increase for E-Journal Packages of 4%



# Procurement Activities

- Procurement Update Meetings throughout 2024.
- New Content Coordinator training webinars.
- Negotiation and price previews prior to ConsortiaManager loading made available in Asana.
- Working groups continued to be an effective way to leverage collective experience and knowledge from member library staff and provide opportunities for knowledge sharing amongst members. The Licence Review Working Group were effective in assisting with review of several licences, developed a model clause for AI and assisted with AI clauses in licenses. The eBook working group assisted with assessing and implementing a new eTextbook agreement with CUP.

# Open Access

## Wiley & Springer Nature

- Agreements renegotiated to align for 2026 major negotiations.
- Wiley agreement renegotiated for better Gold OA provisioning during 2024

## Cambridge

- Agreement reviewed and extended over a longer period to reduce pricing.

## OUP

- New agreement negotiated including a 10% price reduction and options for MNRAS subscribers.

# Professional Learning



- 7 CoPs plus 3 co-led with OA Australasia
- Over 876 members
- Over 2,000 attendees at meetings

CAUL Groups

- 12-week program, third iteration
- 42 participants from 24 institutions
- Facilitated by OER experts Ash Barber (UniSA) and Jennifer Hurley (RMIT)

OER PD Program

- Awards held in person at AUT
- Indigenous leader award presented to recipients from Aotearoa and Australia

CAUL Awards

- 16 library applicants offered placements from 14 institutions

CAUDIT Leadership Institute

# Strategic Programs

## Open Access

- FAIR and Open Non-Traditional Research Outputs final project report launched.
- Co-led Australian Open Science Network.

## Open Educational Resources

- Award-winning OER Collective! In its third year of operation, the OER Collective grew from strength to strength.

## From Decolonisation to Indigenisation

- Libraries and their Intersection with Indigenous Knowledges: Insight report (November 2024). Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education & Research released an insight report from the 15 October 2024 Dialogue Session funded by CAUL, ALIA and NSLA.



Won 2024 OE Global Open Collaboration Award



Awarded 6 grants totaling \$20,000 (\$112,500 in grants funds since 2022)



42 CAUL Member Institutions



28 Books published



11 CoP events  
600+ attendees  
27 guest speakers



4,482 Views of Administration Guide for Library Staff  
12,643 Views of Publishing Workflow  
2,021 Views of Advocacy Toolkit

# Our Message

## CAUL Statement on Freedom to Read (9 May 2024)

CAUL stands with the Australian Library and Information Association and Equality Australia in calling for a reversal of the decision by Cumberland City Council to ban books on same-sex parenting.

## Transition to Official RDA Project (26 June 2024)

In partnership with NSLA, AIATSIS, ALIA, ACORD, and CAVAL, CAUL announced the beginning of a project to scope solutions to the implementation of Official RDA in the Australian library context.

## FAIR and Open Non-Traditional Research Outputs Project Report (August 2024)

The final output from the Advancing Open Scholarship (FAIR) Program was launched.

## "Australia needs a multi-faceted open access strategy" (11 September 2024)

CAUL responds to Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley's paper, Advice on open access models: Unlocking knowledge for national benefit.

## CAUL Submission on copyright – Orphan Works Scheme (23 September 2024)

CAUL responds to the Orphan Works Scheme – Design Options paper proposed by the Attorney-General's Department.

## 2023 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey Project Report (26 September 2024)

The report, launched in 2024, details the results of two equity, diversity and inclusion surveys conducted in February and March 2023.

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Mentions in Future Campus

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Mentions in The Guardian



780  
new followers

88,125  
impressions

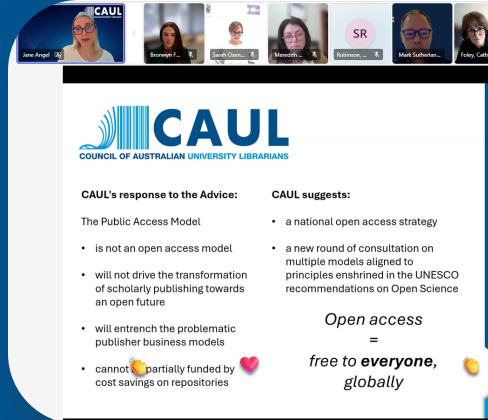
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comments



# Events

## Highlights

- Council Meeting (online) 2024/1 22–23 May
- Council Meeting (in person) 2024/2 21–22 November, AUT
- Vendor Exhibition Events in Brisbane, Sydney & Perth
- Chief Scientist Webinar, Session with Dr Cathy Foley
- CAUL Procurement Vendor Showcase
- Open Negotiation Education for Academic Libraries – Introducing the ONEAL Project
- Launch of the CAUL 2023 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey Report
- CUP Agreement 2025 – Discussion with Chris Bennett
- Special General Meeting, 31 October
- Membership Model Q&A sessions x 2
- OER – Building Cost Planning Book Launch
- Strategic Approaches to Open Access for Library Leaders – Introduction to Program
- Strategic Approaches to Open Access for Library Leaders – Part 1
- Strategic Approaches to Open Access for Library Leaders – Part 2
- CAUL Strategic Leadership – Advocating for Influence, Agency and Impact
- “How Persuasion Smart are You? Welcome to the Birdcage” with Michelle Bowden



"Thanks so much for all you have done on the read and publish agreements! They have saved my research centre tens of thousands of dollars and opened our research to the public."

"..thank you to CAUL and to the University Library Partners for making these open educational resources opportunities available to us and to colleagues and learners of all kinds all over the world. The opportunity to maintain a social justice-oriented platform and system that is truly global, truly available to everyone is actually becoming increasingly rare..."

"Thank you very much for the update and great news. The CAUL National Office is such an asset to us all and the high-performance staff is commendable."

"Thanks for your follow-up message and also the significant work that yourself and colleagues have undertaken regarding negotiations for our publisher deals – we really appreciate it. The amount and complexity of the work involved was clear from the webinar."

"..the value of the OER Collective grants are greater than the actual \$ value, since they have a much wider role in supporting evidence for academic reward and recognition (by virtue of being awarded by an external body specifically – in this case, CAUL itself)."